

COULDN'T BE MURDER.

Some Doubts Still Cast on the Suicide of Franklin B. Gowen.

CLAIMS THAT HE WAS MURDERED.

Detectives and Others Talking to Gain a Little Notoriety.

EVIDENCE AGAINST THEIR THEORIES.

Applicants for Offices Working to Have More Places Made.

There are still some people who believe that Franklin B. Gowen did not commit suicide. Their theory is that he was murdered by "Mollie Maguire," though the circumstances under which his body was found prove almost conclusively that he must have shot himself. A number of applicants for customs offices are working a scheme to have more positions made to accommodate them.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Every day since the discovery of the death of Mr. Franklin B. Gowen, at Wormley's Hotel, somebody has been getting a free advertisement in the newspapers by arguing in support of the theory that Mr. Gowen was murdered. These have been principally detectives who want a job or a free "ad," but others have also lent their judgment to the theory, until there is a substantial and growing belief that the great railroad lawyer did not die by his own hand.

Among the later advocates of this theory is Mr. C. M. Austet, late a law clerk in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, and now occupant of a law office in a block opposite the Treasury.

MR. AUSTET'S THEORY.

Mr. Austet is persuaded in his own mind that the "Mollie Maguire" have always "had it in" for Mr. Gowen, and that instead of taking his life at one of the numerous times when he was in the neighborhood, they waited until he came to Washington and committed the murder under circumstances that were a thousand to one against escape.

Were Mr. Austet and others of his belief inclined to sit the facts rather than the theories, they would easily find that there is not a shadow of basis for the argument of murder. The one door of room No. 27, at Wormley's, where Mr. Gowen slept, was locked from the inside. The room had to be forced to admit a man to the room, and was in a condition which showed it had not been opened for a long time. To get from the window to the ground would be impossible without a long rope, a ladder in a deep and narrow area, or over a wall in the grounds of the German hotel, where there were several windows. There was no sign of a struggle. Mr. Gowen's clothing was disarranged, just as it would have been if the pistol had been held close to the head, and the powder thus blown into the hole made by the bullet.

A MIND DISEASED.

Added to this in proof of the argument that Mr. Gowen was somewhat deranged mentally. His own family admit that, and friends who met Mr. Gowen here daily coming forward with evidence of slight mental aberration.

Neither Postmaster General Wamamaker nor any other of Mr. Gowen's friends here have the slightest doubt that death came by suicide. Yet advocates of the murder theory, whatever their purposes may be, are not far from getting something of a favor in furtherance of an investigation in which they might probably be asked to take a hand. The Coroner is content for permitting the removal of the body without an inquest, and it will not be surprising if in a day or more stories are not about of his having been visited by the "Mollie Maguire," possibly known to have been in Washington last week, lurking about Wormley's and doing the footwork of the great lawyer.

LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1.

A Number of Applicants for Customs Office Working a Scheme.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—A delegation composed of citizens of various places along the border between British America and the United States visited the Secretary of the Treasury to-day to endeavor to induce more vigorous action for the prevention of the introduction of Chinese by this route into the United States. The delegation, which was composed of the thousands of the United States by way of the frontier of the Northwest is rapidly being inundated with the efforts of the Chinese.

The members of the delegation talked very brusquely to the Secretary, urging that he use a portion of the surplus in the better enforcement of the anti-Chinese law. The means advocated is the appointment of a large number of additional customs officers, to be stationed along the border at night and to check the routes from British America. It is whispered that most of the delegates are candidates for customs positions.

PERSISTENT ATTEMPTS.

To Have the Revenue Service Transferred to the Navy Department.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—For years the officers of the Revenue Marine Service, backed by the Navy Department, have been endeavoring to compass the transfer of their service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department. This year they have been more persistent in their attempt than heretofore, and have succeeded in inducing many boards of trade to adopt resolutions asking for the transfer.

It is argued that by this change the officers and men of the Revenue Marine would be better schooled, that the vessels would be better equipped, and the whole in condition to render effective service in case of war. The opponents of the transfer argue that the service is wholly for the protection of commerce and the collection of funds on the custom service, and that the Revenue Marine should be exclusively controlled by the Treasury Department.

DEATH ON THE WIRE.

The Horrible Fate of a Painter Who Came in Contact With an Electric Current.

—His Clothing and Flesh Burned.

TOLKED, O., December 17.—This morning Robert S. Dalton, a painter employed by the Lake Shore Road, went to the top of the train shed to measure a skylight for repairs. He was missed a couple of hours afterward and the foreman climbed to the roof to investigate. He was horrified at seeing the body of Dalton lying on his back across the electric light wires, and the smoke curling up from his burning clothing and flesh. The odor fairly sickened him, and, seeing that Dalton was dead, he at once descended to the freight office and telephoned to have the current shut off so the body could be removed.

It presented a horrible spectacle. His face was black, and from his mouth great fumes of foam had fallen over his face and onto the roof. His left arm, which was fearfully burned above the elbow, was drawn up close to his side, the elbow bent, and across his back were two burnt strips about three inches wide where he had touched the wires. It is surmised that in walking on the roof and in endeavoring to catch himself he had stepped up against one of the wires over which he fell, his shoulder striking on the wire, while his back, just at the base of the spine, rested over the wire where he first fell.

His clothing was wet from rain and made an excellent conductor, and receiving, as he did, the complete force of the current from two wires, his death must have been instantaneous.

He's a Bachelor.

"Jack the Chaser" is the latest find who has been terrorizing the people of St. Washington. He is the habit of meeting young women after night and introducing himself to them. He has appeared in the streets, women nearly every night for the past week. The description given by all who see him is the same in every way.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Four robbers are reported to have been lynched in Maryland township, Ariz., by a vigilance committee.

The Roman Catholic Church at Freeport, Ont., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is \$8,000; insurance \$1,200.

Carl Carlson and John Sullivan, miners, and Andrew Adamski, 16 years old, a drill boy, were blown to atoms in the Osceola, Mich., mine by a premature explosion.

Bushiri, the noted Arab who led the African insurgents in their revolt, and was captured by villagers of Magilla and handed over to the Germans, has been hanged.

The accounts of Robert Johnston, a trusted clerk in the general office of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, who recently went to Canada and has not returned, are found to be \$200 short.

Roe I. Hendrick, indicted at Buffalo for blackmailing the family of Judge Leroy L. Lewis, of the Supreme Court, yesterday pleaded guilty before Judge Daniels, and will be sentenced on Saturday.

The Supreme Court has decided that the biennial election amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, which provided a majority of votes cast on the proposition at the last election was to be legally adopted. This establishes the principle that to change the Constitution a majority of all votes cast at a general election must be in favor of the amendment.

Captain Robert M. Foster, who served in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Illinois Infantry during the late war, has just discovered that his wife is the legal heir to \$800,000 of land lying in Virginia and Kentucky. He has entered suit in the Federal Court in Covington, Ky., to secure possession of the land, which is very valuable.

A 15-year-old son of Mrs. Potts, residing near Woodstock, Howard county, Md., while handling a breech-loading shotgun, accidentally discharged the same, killing his young sister standing near by and seriously wounding his mother. The little girl's brain was blown out and the mother received in the side the same charge which killed her daughter. Doubts are entertained as to Mrs. Potts' sanity.

An Iowa case that is attracting great interest is now on trial in the Federal Court. It is the prosecution of Mrs. Flora Look, who shot and killed a man who was engaged in a charity in Chester county. The woman had been making life miserable for Flora's grandfather, who had been ill. The woman took a gun and fired into the party, killing one man.

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